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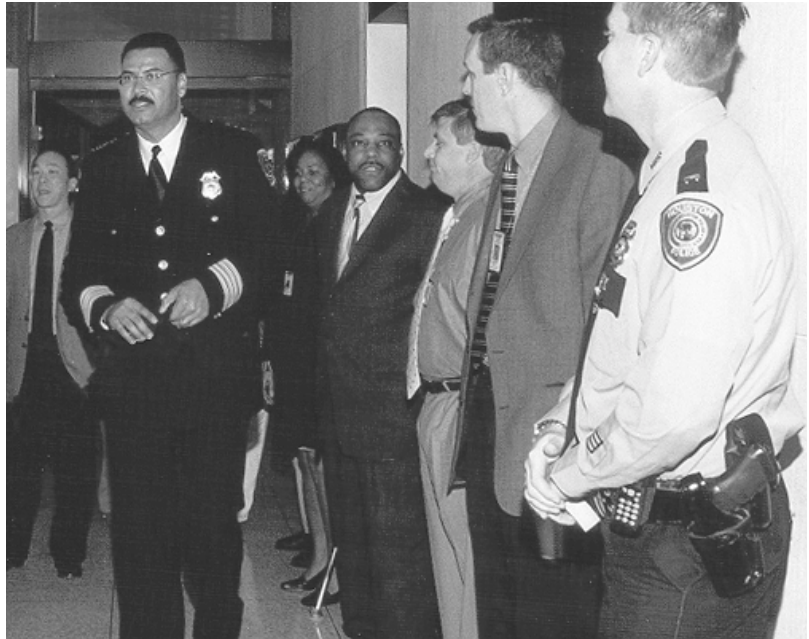
Chief Bradford Returns

Houston Police Chief C.O. Bradford returned to active duty at the department on Monday, February 3, 2003. "It's good to be back," said Chief Bradford.

"This is a wonderful organization with a bunch of great people and I only see this department moving forward."

Chief Bradford thanked Executive Assistant Chief T.N. Oettmeier, who was named acting chief of police by Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown, for doing an "exceptional job of keeping this boat afloat in my absence."

The Houston Police Honor Guard along with numerous staff members and friends greeted Chief Bradford when he arrived at his office at police headquarters.



Houston Police Chief C. O. Bradford is greeted by workers at the Employee Entrance to Police Headquarters on February 3, 2003.

Neighborhoods & Businesses Honored for National Night Out

Houston area neighborhoods and businesses were recognized recently for their exemplary efforts as part of the 2002 National Night Out celebration.

The Mayor's Award for Outstanding National Night Out Neighborhood was presented to the Lazybrook Community. The Distinguished Corporate Contribution Award went to Duke Energy Corporation. The Distinguished Corporate Leadership Award was presented to Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company. The Outstanding Corporate Support Award went to Fuddruckers for providing billboards throughout the Houston area.

The Chief of Police Outstanding National Night Out Area Award went to the Southwest and Clear Lake Divisions to recognize their excellent participation. The Outstanding National Night Out Event Award was presented to the Special Operations Division. The Outstanding Leadership Award was awarded to Mr. Jerry Koudelka of the Inwood Forest Community. The Houston All-Star Award was awarded to the De Zavala Park Community. The Outstanding National Night Out Community Award went to the Sugar Valley Community.

Because of scheduling issues during the holiday season, the Media Relations Office did not publish a January edition of the *HPD News*. Welcome to the first issue of 2003. If there are stories you would like to see covered this year, please call us at 713-308-1800 and ask for a Public Information Officer.

Fondren Division Hosts First “Low Rider” Model Competition

On November 17, 2002, the Fondren Division held its first “Low Rider” car model show at the Gulfton Storefront located at 5980 Renwick. Officer E.B. Barrientes organized the entire event and was excited about the number of model entries.



The above models represent the quality of entries in HPD's first “Low Rider” car model show.

Trophies for first, second, and third place in each class were donated by the Houston Police Officers' Union. The next show will be held in May 2003 with categories for plastic models, die-cast, radio controlled, and “Low Rider” bikes.

This show was an attempt to reach out to area youth in a forum that would allow them to demonstrate their skills and artistic abilities. The model competition provided positive interaction between the community and the Houston Police Department. If you would like further information about the competition, please contact Officer E.B. Barrientes at 713-773-7900.



Married to the Badge



Cupid's arrow has found its way into the hearts of many people within HPD, and for some, the ultimate reward has been love and marriage. Historically, police officers face many challenges in keeping their relationships intact, especially those married to other officers. Although the term “married to the badge” takes on a different perspective, law enforcement couples can strengthen their bond by being aware of each other's needs.

Recently, Assistant Chief Martha Montalvo (Internal Investigations Command) and Lieutenant Robert Montalvo (Juvenile Division) celebrated their seventeenth wedding anniversary. They credit their mutual respect for each other as an essential ingredient for their successful matrimony. “Our relationship is a give-and-take partnership,” advised the Montalvos, “and we value each other's support regarding any problems that we may encounter.”

Another couple, Lieutenant Ron Walker (Homicide Division) and Police Officer Tran Nguyen-Walker (Recruiting Division), offered the insight of making the most of any available time doing things together or by taking short trips out-of-town. In addition, an occasional “time-off” from work to enjoy an extended weekend has been a rewarding experience. “We are lucky to have each other and we try to be active in each other's interests,” the Walkers concluded.

Love, respect, communication, and most importantly, the enjoyment of a partner's companionship are important factors for a successful relationship. The overall message for law enforcement couples is to not allow the job to consume their lives and, of course, to not pull rank on each other!

CSI: Houston? Explorers Introduces Kids To Police Careers

With all the fascination that teen-agers today have with the TV series CSI, few people know that Houston youth have been getting their “fix” of crime scene investigations for years.

The Explorers, a national program for high school students interested in law enforcement, was established in Houston in 1982. Back then it had only one post, where students would gather and team up with real police officers and ride along with them to experience firsthand what policing is all about.

Over the years, it grew to give young men and women ages 14 to 20 a chance to explore the many career options in law enforcement and criminal justice. They constantly receive hands-on training in crime scene and bomb squad scenarios, hostage negotiation, arrest and search procedures, and presentations by the FBI, DEA, U.S. Marshals, the Secret Service, and the ATF.

Today, more than 350 law enforcement agencies nationwide participate in state and national competitions. There are 180 Explorer programs in the state of Texas. Houston’s Explorer program is regarded as one of the best and largest, with five Explorer posts. Participants have the unique opportunity to get summer jobs in HPD, learn about scholarships, and experience community service in projects like search and rescue efforts for lost children, home painting, trash bash cleanup, and community fun-runs. For more information about the Explorers, please contact Officer Erica Fuentes at 713-247-5676.



Explorer Rafael Cisneros runs the obstacle course.

Windows Shortcuts Make Life Easier



Windows “shortcuts” can save you time and frustration when working on your computer. Here are a few “hot key” keyboard combinations you may find useful:

Ctrl + C: Copies selected text or images.
Ctrl + V: Pastes the text or images you have copied.
Ctrl + X: Cuts the selected text or images.
Ctrl + Z: Undo.

Windows + M: Minimizes all of the applications and open windows and displays your desktop. (The “Windows” key is located near the bottom left of your keyboard between the Ctrl key and the Alt key.)

Windows + Shift + M: Undo minimize all windows.
Windows + F1: Displays the Windows “help” box.

Ctrl + P: Opens the printer dialogue box.
Ctrl + Escape: Displays the “start” menu.

Coming Soon to the HPD Wellness Center

Monday, February 17, 2003, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Educational workshop covering stroke, heart disease, and aneurysms. Everyone who attends receives a certificate for a free stroke screening (\$40 value.)

Thursday, February 20, 2003, 12 noon to 1 p.m.: Brown bag lunch workshop will feature nutritionist Katherine Kruppa discussing healthy eating for busy lifestyles.

Both events will take place at the 1200 Travis Wellness Center. For more information, contact Officer Mark Caronna at 713-308-1298.

HPD Welcomes Six New Captains

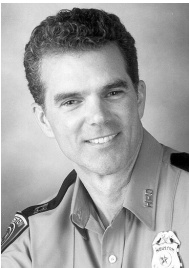
The Houston Police Department recently promoted six new captains. Pictured below are each of the captains with a listing of their division assignments.



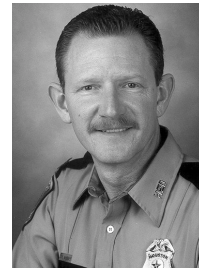
Captain J. G. Jones,
Hobby Airport



Captain V. L. King,
Eastside Division



Captain B. J. Lumpkin,
Fondren Division



Captain D. R. McKinney,
Northwest Division

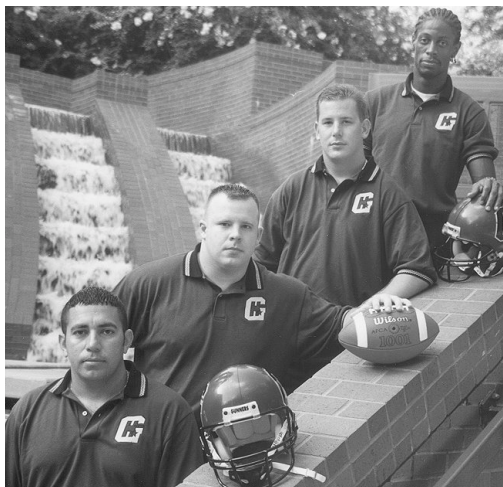


Captain D. T. Runyan,
Emergency Communications



Captain D. J. Watkins,
Helicopter Division

Gunners and Sunnyside Team Up To Raise A Stadium



Pictured (l. to r.): HPD's Juan Olivarez;
Steve Wilson & Jimmy George, Harris
County Sheriff's Office; and Dexter
Johnson, Houston Fire Department.

The Houston Gunners and residents of the Sunnyside area are about to make history as they prepare to team up with the NFL and build a new sports stadium at Beech White Park.

Organizers will have to raise \$50,000 to add to the \$100,000 offered by the National Football League in order to build the stadium. The Gunners hope this new addition could help reduce crime by offering sporting options to youth in the neighborhood.

The Gunners is a nonprofit organization founded in 1994 by Houston police officers to raise funds for charitable organizations through full-contact football.

For more information on the Gunners, see their Web site at www.houstongunners.org.